



St. Croix Valley Girls Fast Pitch Association

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes- 7:00 pm Wednesday, 2/9/2011

Individuals attended: Leslie Germundson, Stephanie Murphy, Dylan and Kara Bell, Garilyn and Jason Ehde, Joe McQuillan, Mike Meyer, Betty and Gary Lindahl, Danny Chang, John Schultz, Tom Clark, Tim White, Dan McKay, Chris Winkelman, Lee Eisenberg, Melissa Fischer, and Bob Beedle.

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

2. Review and approval of January Minutes

Minutes Approved.

3. Treasurers Report – Glenda Houle

Glenda reviewed financial with no questions.

4. Recognition of Past Board Members

Dylan recognized Past Board Members and Association Members for their time and support. Members recognized: Patty Rhode, Fred Falk, Mike Jordan, Christine Winkelman, and Former President John Shultz they were awarded gift certificates for their time to the association.

5. Parents Night Report – Age Coordinators

10U- Tom Clark gave update there was a good turnout and all questions were basic including questions on uniforms and schedules.

12U- Tom Houle not present, no update provided.

14U- Betty Lindahl gave an update for 14U, they also had a good turnout with a lot of new faces to the summer program who continued on from the fall season.

6. Winter Clinic Report – Gary Lindahl

Hitting Clinic currently in session and going thru March 3, it is being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The numbers by session type: beginning 58, intermediate 56, and advanced 32 with a Total of 146 girls. There was discussion on what was funded by the association for the hitting clinic. The clinic took in \$10,950 with \$75 per girl, less than \$1,300 for gym

time, and paying Julie \$10,200. The net of that was -\$614 which was funded by the association.

There was discussion about what criteria we have around offering Stillwater Association subsidized clinics to those not playing in the association. Guidelines are not clear but, thought around those who go to the Stillwater school district. Nothing decided as not big issue right now but should be discussed in the future.

There was also discussed around other options Julie has discussed as being able to provide to Stillwater for their teams, one example was a 4 week extension for girls who couldn't do the hitting clinics to have an abbreviated version of hitting clinics. She has also discussed offering for free, to the Stillwater program a 10 station clinic at the Pony Picnic for free. It was discussed the varsity game will overlap with Roseville's varsity game.

Bob Beedle also brought up discussions on looking for options to bring Julie in during the spring clinics whether it was bunting stations (bunting not covered in hitting clinic and girls will need bunting work for tryouts), basic skills training, or catching. There was further discussion around how spring clinics should be laid out, and how we want to position Julie if only the first couple times. Betty is getting with Julie to find out a cost and lay out options with the dates we have set up for spring clinics.

Bob also discussed the option of his coaches, and players helping with extra stations at the spring clinics at dome. Dates were confirmed with Bob and will be reviewed.

7. Registrations – Betty

Currently: 10U- 31 players (7 paid the buyout)
12U- 37 players (5 paid the buyout)
14U- 27 players (10 paid the buyout)
16u- 4 players

Registration deadline Wednesday the 16th. Motion by John, seconded by Bob and passed to wait until the 16th late in the day and then send an email blast out extending the deadline by 1 week. (Also Spiritwear deadline by 1 week) Listing also on the front page of website registration extended.

8. Tri-County Report – Dylan

10u changes passed for 1 year trial: A and B level's will change to use the National Level rules which include no limitation on stealing bases on an overthrow. There will still be a 5 run rule.

14u changes that all teams now have pitching mound at 43 ft and no metal cleats.

9. MMFL Sponsorship Opportunity – Dylan

There is an opportunity for an association sponsorship in the Tri-Country book for \$300 – you get your name team pictures in the books they will have published. There was decision that this is something the PR Coordinator position would handle when that position is found.

10. 2011 Umpire Fees – Dylan

All Umpire groups are increasing fees from \$75/day for a double header to \$80/day for a double header. This is set to go in effect and only an FYI. **John-** is going to confirm with Frank and see if we need a new contract or where our contract currently stands with the umpires.

11. Equipment Update – Gary

Gary is asking all coaches to turn in equipment and first aid kits, so they can inventory and get stocked for 2011 summer season. Currently it is thought we have enough equip for 10 teams, and it looks like we will have 15 teams this year. Also we are short on good catchers gear. **Tom Clark** is sending out an email to coaches to return equip and to where. Also Bob mentioned he could put tarps down on his gym floor to lay out equip and inventory.

12. Equipment Storage Space – Gary

Currently there is no indoor 10x15 storage w/racking at the Public Storage by the High School. Gary is waiting on space to open up and checked frequently. We currently pay \$139 a month and they charge \$120/ for 10x15 at Public Storage. He stated there was an extra 8-15\$ a month option for insurance and we feel it would be covered under general liability insurance.

Motion passed to allow Gary to make the decision on getting a storage space immediately when a 10X15 spot opens up at the price he quoted.

13. Team Photo Night – Dylan

Dylan discussed options for team photo night, and it was decided this would be something to look into at the 10 and 12u levels only. It was decided to table further discussion until next meeting.

14. Team level sponsorship - Leslie

A 10U parent brought up what options we have for local business' to sponsor a team this summer. After discussion it was decided it would have to be something standardized for all teams so there isn't different things provided for certain teams based on a sponsor and if it was further discussed it would have to be for all teams and at an association level.

15. Pancake Breakfast and Volunteers-Jodi

Jodi passed along email update to board confirming the date of May 1st has tentatively been reserved at the Borderline Restaurant for either a Pancake Breakfast or a Pizza Feed. We could also run a 2nd wave of spirit wear sales. Motion was passed to commit to the May 1st date and will confirm details in next Board meeting.

16. Open Items

*Spirit Wear- Melissa Fischer showed the samples of Spiritwear to everyone. We are making 10% on each item. All orders will be picked up at Heritage by the customers who purchase them and pick them up there to confirm orders are right.

*New Auger- John mentioned when putting in fencing last year the Field 2 fences had to be pounded in by hand. He requested \$35/\$40 would buy an auger to use to make that task easier going forward. Motion passed and John will purchase and get reimbursed.

*Birth Certificates- Talked thru the process with Lee who handles BC's and decided new birth certificates are not needed for existing players only updated photos should be fathers. There was discussion that there will be someone there with a camera to take individual pictures at the tryouts to use for the updated records.

*Tryout criteria and Age Level teams- There was discussion on tryout criteria for team and pitching tryouts and also how it is decided on how many teams and level of teams for each level. **Betty**-is going to post the pitching signature document to the working documents on the website so parents can view and read.

It was discussed it would be good to add a running station w/stop watch to time the players and that can be used in team tryouts as a criteria to assist in placing kids. It also was discussed to use a radar gun in pitching tryouts to use their speed of pitch in close scoring situations. The Tryout discussions are tabled until next meeting to have an update from each age level coordinator on the layouts for tryouts, and to get those finalized.

Also tabled for next meeting is an update on the # of teams for each age. (And thoughts around level's they feel they will be placed in) The # of teams are needed for March 7th Tri-County meeting and checks to be cut for summer season. We can then confirm after that the placement of those teams into A-B-C levels.

16. Next Meeting –Set for 7:00pm March, 2nd.